

# **LEGISLATIVE HEARING CALENDAR**

Positions to be taken by the City of Milwaukee on the following bills will be discussed by the

## **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY-LEGISLATION**

**MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007 AT 9:00 AM**

**Room 301-B City Hall**

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| AB-142 | The definition of waste treatment facility for property tax exemption purposes.   |
| SB-29  | Increasing the recycling fee imposed on the disposal of solid waste, the program of financial assistance for local recycling programs, and making an appropriation. |

## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 142

March 5, 2007 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER and POPE-ROBERTS.  
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber* 70.11 (21) (a); *to amend* 74.35 (2m), 74.35 (5) (d), 76.025  
2         (1), 76.81, 77.54 (26), 79.04 (1) (a) and 79.04 (2) (a); and *to create* 70.11 (21) (ab)  
3         of the statutes; **relating to:** the definition of waste treatment facility for  
4         property tax exemption purposes.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, generally, all property purchased or constructed as a waste treatment facility and used to treat industrial wastes or air contaminants is exempt from property taxes. Under administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Revenue (DOR), “waste treatment facility” means tangible property that is built, constructed, or installed as a unit so as to be readily identifiable as directly removing, altering, or storing leftover, superfluous, discarded, or fugitive material. For purposes of administering the property tax exemption for waste treatment facilities, this bill creates a definition in the statutes for “waste treatment facility” that is the same as the definition under DOR’s administrative rules.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

5         **SECTION 1.** 70.11 (21) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 70.11 (21) (am).

## 2007 SENATE BILL 29

February 7, 2007 – Introduced by Senators JAUCH, KREITLOW, HARSDORF, CARPENTER, LEHMAN, LASSA and RISSER, cosponsored by Representatives BLACK, SMITH, HRAYCHUCK, HUBLER, BOYLE, BENEDICT, HILGENBERG, KESSLER, PARISI, POCAN, CULLEN, GARTHWAITE, TURNER, HEBL, BERCEAU, MOLEPSKE, SHERMAN and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 287.23 (3) (b); *to amend* 287.23 (3) (am) 2.,  
2           287.23 (5b) (intro.) and 289.645 (3); and *to create* 287.23 (3) (b) 2. and 287.23  
3           (5c) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing the recycling fee imposed on the  
4           disposal of solid waste, the program of financial assistance for local recycling  
5           programs, and making an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Current law imposes a fee of \$3 per ton on solid waste, other than certain kinds of high-volume industrial waste, disposed of at a landfill or other waste disposal facility. This type of fee is often called a tipping fee. The recycling fee is deposited into the recycling fund. Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources administers a program that provides financial assistance to local units of government that operate recycling programs. In each fiscal year, a local unit of government generally receives the same proportion of the total available funding that it received in 1999, but not more than its eligible costs.

This bill increases the recycling fee to \$10 per ton on April 1, 2008. The bill also increases funding by \$48,000,000 in fiscal year 2008–09 for the program that provides financial assistance to local governmental units that operate recycling programs. Under this bill, in 2009 each local governmental unit receives at least a 75 percent increase in financial assistance, even if the increased amount exceeds the eligible costs of its recycling program.